Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Branch General Meeting Minutes.

6th April 2015.

Present: Keith Biles (Secretary) Acting Chairman
Anie Bailey (Treasurer)
Dave Lewis (Poppy Co-Ordinator)
Pam Lewis (Welfare)
Pam Budd
John Maskell-Bott, (Welfare)
Sarah Maskell-Bott (Welfare)

Stuart Horsewood, 'Ginge' Davis, Mark Neves, Dennis Budd, Stella Pringle-Middleton, Phil. Middleton,

Apologies received from: Liam Shelbourne, Mark Brook, Bob French, Rev. Kathy Biles, Air Commodore Russell La Forte.

1. The Minutes of the Committee meeting of 30th March 2015 were reviewed.

2. Matters arising from the last Committee meeting minutes:

   - The Social Evening held on 13th March was a success including 8 Welsh Guard veterans attending. Approximately £30 was raised for Branch funds.

   - The dinner given by the Branch to mark the departure of our President, Air Commodore Russell La Forte was well attended with an excellent meal being provided by the Chefs at Hillside. The Committee members recorded their thanks to Mark and Clare Neves, for operating the bar, and Karen Drysdale, Neil Russell and Mark Brook for clearing up on Saturday morning.

   - A cheque in the sum of £134.76 has been presented to the Branch as a result of fund raising activities at MPA by the Catering section.

   - The RBL is sponsoring celebrations of V.E. Day in U.K. As we have no longer have any members who were involved, it was decided not to progress any commemorations for the Branch.

   - Details of the Queen's Birthday Parade to be held on 21st April have been received. A band will be in attendance, and is available for a function. It was decided to request a concert in aid of Branch funds, to be held in the Town Hall on 19th April. There will be no admission charge, but collections will be taken. Dave Lewis is to co-ordinate. Logistics regarding the transport of personnel have still to be finalized.

3. Treasurer's report:

    - Bank balances are healthy, but the remittance to Head Office for the annual membership fees has still to be made.

    - A total of approx. £15,000 had been sent back as contributions to the Poppy Appeal.

4. Secretary's report:

    - The new logo and "strap-line": LIVE ON, for the Legion has been received from H.O., and should now be used on all publications, letter-heads, and web pages. Details can be obtained from the Secretary.

    - Various changes are in train to change the method of remitting the annual membership fees. No details are yet forthcoming, but should be available at the Conference.

    - The results of the election to the Membership Council for the Overseas Region was announced, and Mr Rodney Alec Bedford is our new representative.

    - The information regarding the Annual Conference has been received. Liam Shelbourne is the branch representative, but his arrangements have still to be confirmed. John and Sarah Maskell-Bott will be available to attend the Overseas Branches Forum.

5. Any Other Business:

    - Dave Lewis intends to visit the Royal British Legion Village in Kent during his next visit to U.K., and will source Legion Lapel Badges and other small items for sale.

    - The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 27th April.

Keith Biles.
Secretary.